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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF AFGHANISTAN

IPF: (1992-96) $70 039 000

(AFG/92/008) - Preparatory Assistance to Agricultural Rehabilitation in Afghanistan

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	16 December 1992	
Expected duration:	One year	
Proposed executing agency:	FAO	
Implementing agencies:	FAO, NGOs, Local Councils	
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$666 500	Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$666 500	
Technical Support Services (TSS-2):	$ 63 000	Agency: FAO
Administrative and Operational Support Services (AOS):	$ 55 100	Agency: FAO

Project background

The last 14 years of war have resulted in a vast scale of destruction in Afghanistan. The agricultural sector, by far the most important economic sector in Afghanistan, has seen damage to virtually all its infrastructure, support systems and institutional arrangements, as well as direct loss of livestock, vineyards, orchards, etc. Following the 1988 Geneva Accord, FAO has been entrusted with the task of assisting the rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in Afghanistan. This programme, now entering its fourth agricultural season, has been funded to date by the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian and Economic Assistance to Afghanistan (UNOCA).

By end 1992 UNOCA is expected to have spent $13 million for the agricultural rehabilitation programme, an additional $5.5 million will be made available in 1993. It has now been decided that UNOCA's future mandate will be limited to humanitarian assistance. The present project proposal for UNDP IPF funding has therefore been designed to secure continuity in the agricultural rehabilitation process. As the war is over, and as local conflicts are expected to gradually cease, longer-term programmes in agricultural rehabilitation need to be developed, forming a transition between immediate relief activities and future reconstruction and development activities.

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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Description of project

The main objectives of the project are to: (a) provide continued technical management and support to the ongoing programmes; and (b) prepare a comprehensive, large-scale agricultural rehabilitation programme for UNDP/cost-sharing funding.

The project will carry out its activities within the framework of the Afghanistan Rehabilitation Strategy (AFG/92/007), work on which has been initiated in mid-November 1992. Drawing on experience gained from the current programmes, the results of several formulation missions, and on quick impact projects, the end of project situation is expected to show a comprehensive agricultural rehabilitation programme for 1994 and beyond.

The Programme Management Office, established in July 1989, will continue to provide technical management and coordination to the ongoing, FAO-executed, programme, as well as the future programmes as required. At the same time, formulation missions will be fielded under this project, with the objective of producing comprehensive programme(s) for UNDP/cost-sharing financing. It is also intended to develop a series of carefully selected and relevant quick-impact projects, using this project as a funding modality.

Inputs

UNDP will provide the services of a programme co-ordinator (12 work-months), agricultural systems expert (12 work-months), short-term consultants (7.5 work-months), administrative support (36 work-months), national experts (60 work-months), equipment, and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	576 500
Equipment	50 000
Miscellaneous	40 000
Total	666 500

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